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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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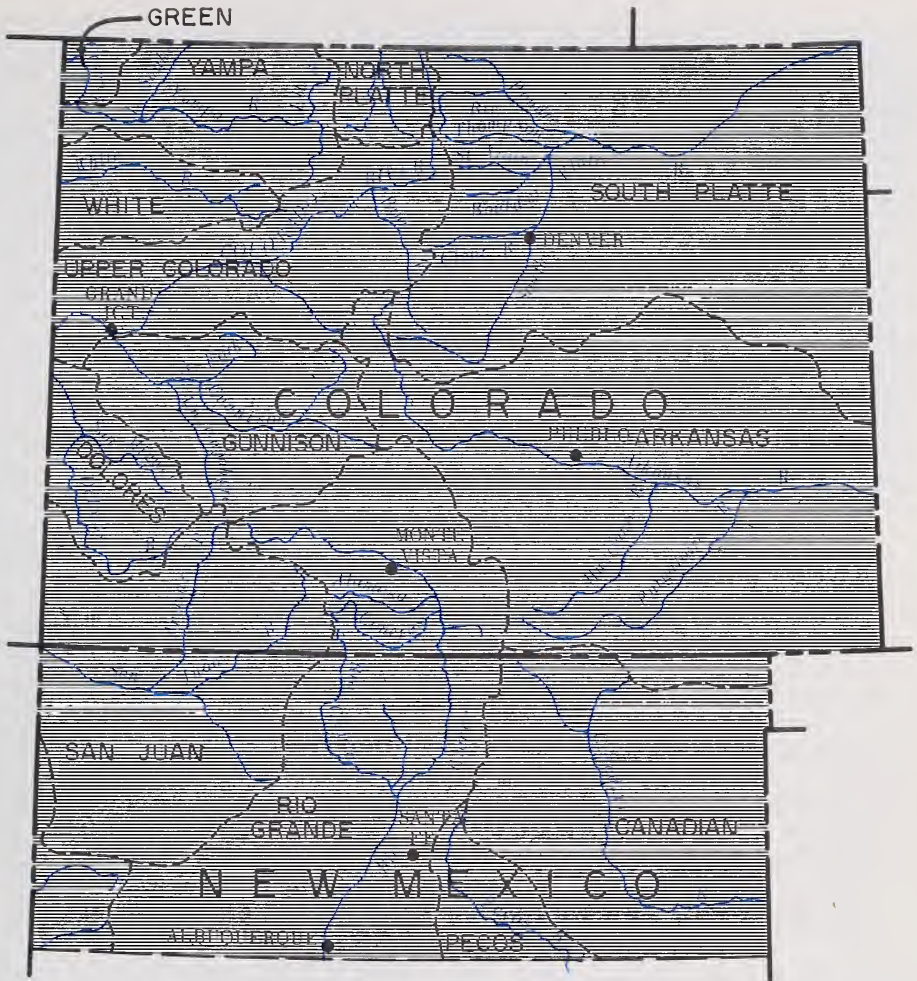
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

as of
FEBRUARY 1, 1976



GENERALLY ADEQUATE
100% OR MORE



LIMITED SHORTAGE
75% - 100%



SEVERE SHORTAGE
75% OR LESS



The map on this page indicates the most probable water supply as of the date of this report. Estimates assume average conditions of snow fall, precipitation and other factors from this date to the end of the forecast period. As the season progresses accuracy of estimates improve. In addition to expected streamflow, reservoir storage, soil moisture in irrigated areas, and other factors are considered in estimating water supply. Estimates apply to irrigated areas along the main streams and may not indicate conditions on small tributaries.

WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

as of

FEBRUARY 1, 1976

SNOWFALL HAS BEEN GENERALLY BELOW NORMAL OVER MOST OF COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO. NEW MEXICO HAS A FEW HIGH SPOTS. HIGH ELEVATION SNOW IS PARTICULARLY LIGHT. SOME OF THE HIGH ELEVATION SNOWFALL SUCH AS WOLF CREEK PASS IS ONLY 65% OF NORMAL. WHILE MEDIUM ELEVATION SNOWFALL IS NEAR NORMAL TO SLIGHTLY ABOVE. THIS IS A SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL CONDITION. THERE IS STILL TIME LEFT TO INCREASE THE SNOWPACK. ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE SNOW SEASON IS OVER. THE WINTER HAS BEEN MILD IN BOTH STATES.



COLORADO -- THE SNOWPACK IS SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL FOR THE STATE.

SOME OF THE SNOW COURSES, ESPECIALLY AT LOW ELEVATIONS, ARE NEAR TO OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL, HOWEVER, THE STATE AS A WHOLE IS BELOW. THERE IS STILL ADEQUATE TIME TO INCREASE THE SNOWPACK. THE COLORADO BASIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STATE HAS THE BEST SNOWPACK. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS OVER THE STATE ARE REPORTED AS FAIR TO GOOD. REPORTS INDICATE WARM AND DRY CONDITIONS HAVE EXISTED MOST OF THE WINTER. CARRYOVER STORAGE IS NEAR NORMAL.



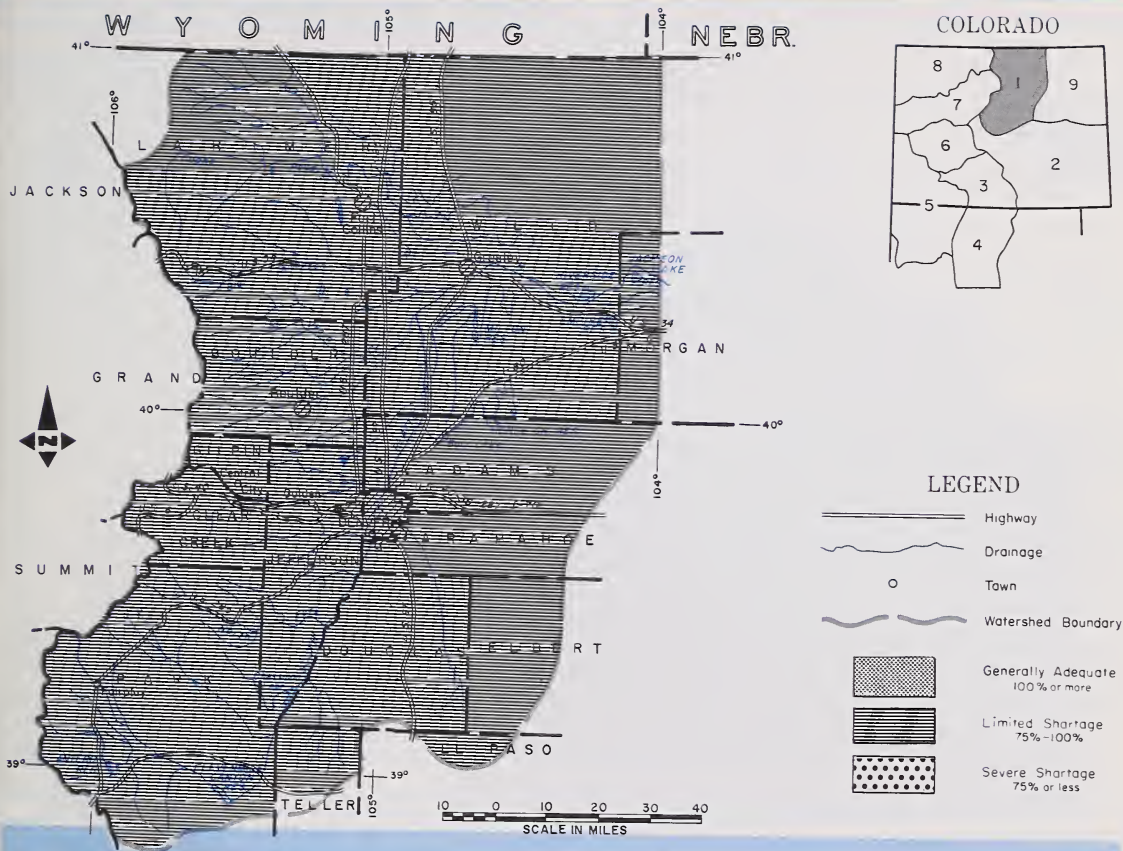
NEW MEXICO -- SNOW COURSES ON THE PECOS ARE 120% OF NORMAL AND

ON THE RED RIVER DRAINAGE 150%. THE REST OF THE STATE'S SNOWPACK IS NEAR NORMAL. NONE OF THE DRAINAGES INDICATE DEFICIENT SNOW. IF THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR PRODUCES NORMAL SNOW, RUNOFF SHOULD BE NEAR AVERAGE. CARRYOVER STORAGE IS 131% OF NORMAL, HOWEVER, THIS HIGH PERCENTAGE IS GENERALLY DUE TO EL VADE WHICH CONTAINS 122,000 ACRE FEET. NORMALLY IT IS EMPTY. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY POOR, HOWEVER, SEVERAL STATIONS REPORT FAIR CONDITIONS.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

FIRST OF THE MONTH SNOW SURVEYS INDICATE LESS THAN NORMAL SNOW CONDITIONS ON ALL THE NORTHERN TRIBUTARIES TO THE SOUTH PLATTE, BUT SLIGHTLY ABOVE ON THE MAINSTEM. BOULDER CREEK HAS ONLY 75% OF THE 15 YEAR NORMAL. THIS CONDITION COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY WITH A COUPLE OF GOOD STORMS. CARRYOVER STORAGE IS GOOD. VALLEY SOILS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN FAIR TO GOOD CONDITION. TIME STILL REMAINS TO IMPROVE SNOW CONDITIONS.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April—September

| FORECAST POINT | FORE-CAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus by-pass to power plants. (2) Observed flow minus trans-basin diversions plus municipal and irrigation diversions. (3) Observed flow minus diversion through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Price Reservoir.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Bear Creek | Avg. | Fair |
| Coal Creek | Avg. | Fair |
| North Fork of South Platte | Avg. | Fair |
| North Fork of Cache La Poudre | Avg. | Fair |
| Ralston Creek | Avg. | Fair |
| Rock Creek | Avg. | Fair |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year | Average * |
| Antero | 33 | 16 | 16 | 14 |
| Barr Lake | 32 | 25 | 25 | 21 |
| Black Hollow | 8 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Boyd Lake | 44 | 39 | 37 | 37 |
| Cache La Poudre | 10 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| Carter Lake | 109 | 92 | 86 | 77 |
| Chambers Lake | 9 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Cheesman | 79 | 49 | 41 | 56 |
| Cobb Lake | 34 | 15 | 17 | 15 |
| Eleven Mile | 98 | 98 | 96 | 87 |
| Fossil Creek | 12 | 4 | 7 | 7 |
| Gross | 43 | 24 | 22 | 29 |
| Halligan | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Horsetooth | 144 | 92 | 82 | 86 |
| Lake Loveland | 14 | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| Lone Tree | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Mariano | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Marshall | 10 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Marston | 18 | 13 | 16 | 14 |
| Milton | 24 | 16 | 15 | 13 |
| Standley | 42 | 29 | 27 | 15 |
| Terry | 8 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Union | 13 | 11 | 12 | 10 |
| Windsor | 19 | 12 | 10 | 10 |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Big Thompson | 5 | 92 | 88 |
| Boulder | 3 | 75 | 74 |
| Cache La Poudre | 6 | 97 | 96 |
| Clear Creek | 6 | 76 | 84 |
| Saint Vrain | 2 | 78 | 84 |
| South Platte | 2 | 89 | 108 |

* 1958-1972 period.

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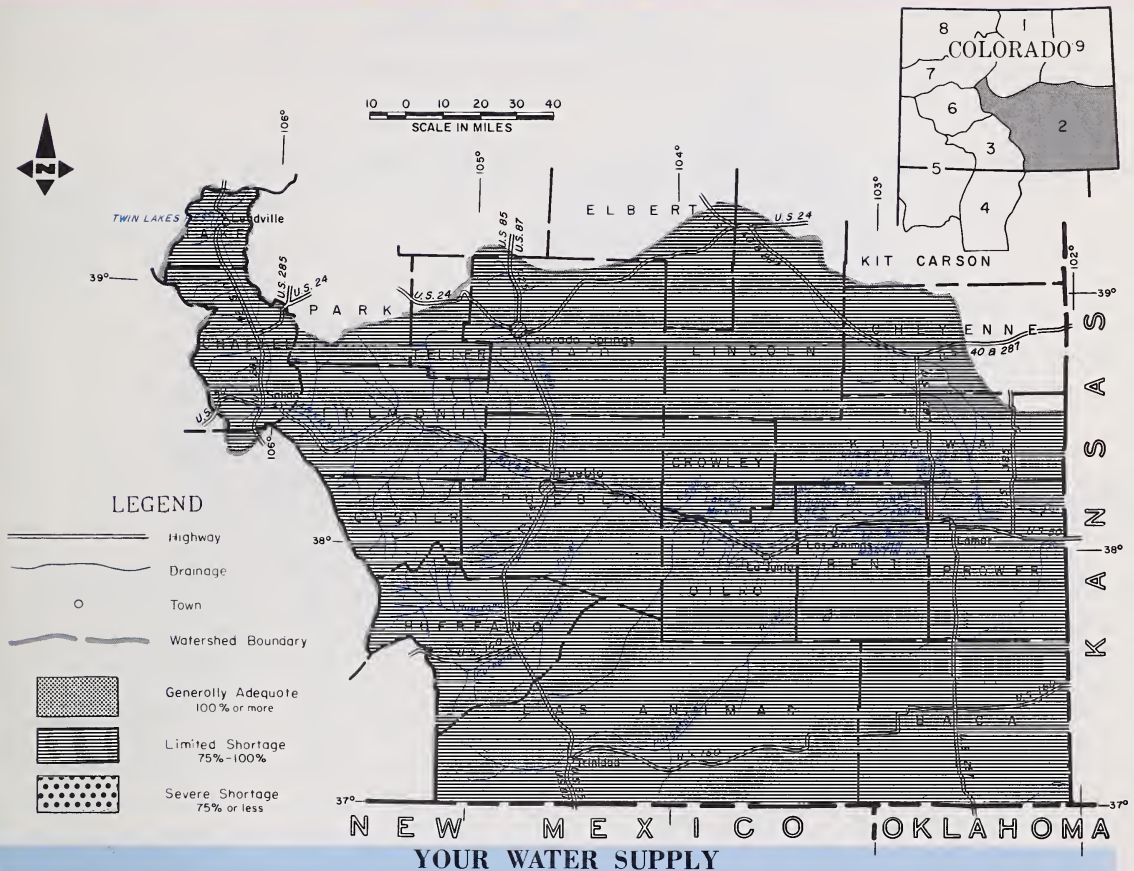


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SNOWPACK IN THE ARKANSAS BASIN IS GENERALLY NEAR TO SLIGHTLY BELOW AVERAGE. SNOWFALL WAS BELOW AVERAGE DURING AN UNSEASONABLY WARM AND WINDY JANUARY. VALLEY SOIL MOISTURE IS FAIR TO POOR. ADDITIONAL MOISTURE IS NEEDED. RESERVOIR STORAGE IS WELL BELOW AVERAGE BUT NEAR THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. IF THE CURRENT TREND OF BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATION CONTINUES, IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLIES MAY BE SHORT IN SOME AREAS.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April—September

| FORECAST POINT | FORE-CAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus change in Clear Creek, Twin Lakes and Turquoise Reservoirs minus diversions through Busk Ivanhoe, Boustead, Divide, Twin Lakes and Homestake Tunnels and Ewing, Front Pass, Wurtz and Columbine ditches.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Apishapa River | Avg. | Avg. |
| Fountain Creek | Avg. | Avg. |
| Grape Creek | Fair | Fair |
| Hardscrabble Creek | Fair | Fair |
| Monument Creek | Fair | Fair |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.)

END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year | Average * |
| Adobe | 62 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Clear Creek | 11 | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| Cucharas | 40 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Great Plains | 150 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Horse Creek | 27 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| John Martin | 354 | 7 | 4 | 85 |
| Meredith | 42 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Model | 15 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Turquoise | 121 | 52 | 39 | -- |
| Twin Lakes | 58 | 18 | 18 | 26 |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Arkansas | 7 | 84 | 94 |
| Cucharas | 2 | 75 | 88 |
| Purgatoire | 1 | 88 | 105 |

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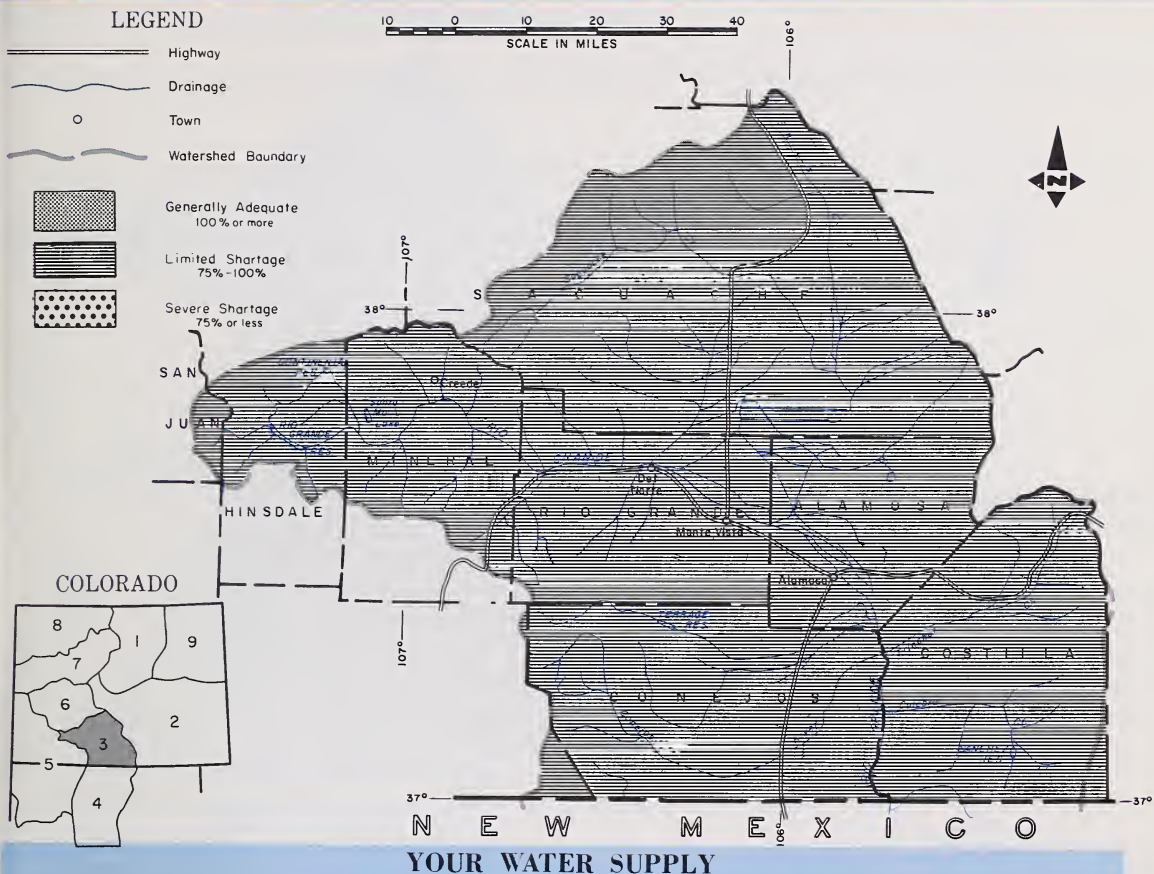


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THE RIO GRANDE BASIN STREAMS WILL FLOW LESS THAN NORMAL UNLESS SNOWFALL IS MUCH ABOVE NORMAL IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. CURRENT SNOWPACK RANGES FROM 64% OF NORMAL ON THE CONEJOS TO 88% ON THE ALAMOSA. CARRYOVER STORAGE IS NEAR NORMAL. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITONS IN THE VALLEYS IS REPORTED AS FAIR.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April—September

| FORECAST POINT | FORE-CAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Platoro Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Sanchez Reservoir. (3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Santa Maria, Rio Grande and Continental Reservoirs.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Saguache Creek | Fair | Poor |
| Sangre de Cristo Cr. | Fair | Poor |
| Trinchera Creek | Fair | Poor |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year | Average * |
| Continental | 27 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| Platoro | 60 | | 19 | 9 |
| Rio Grande | 46 | 16 | 5 | 19 |
| Sanchez | 103 | | 4 | 13 |
| Santa Maria | 45 | 9 | 4 | 6 |
| Terrace | 18 | -- | 7 | 5 |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Alamosa | 2 | 102 | 88 |
| Conejos | 2 | 87 | 64 |
| Culebra | 2 | 70 | 78 |
| Rio Grande | 10 | 66 | 71 |

* 1958-1972 period.

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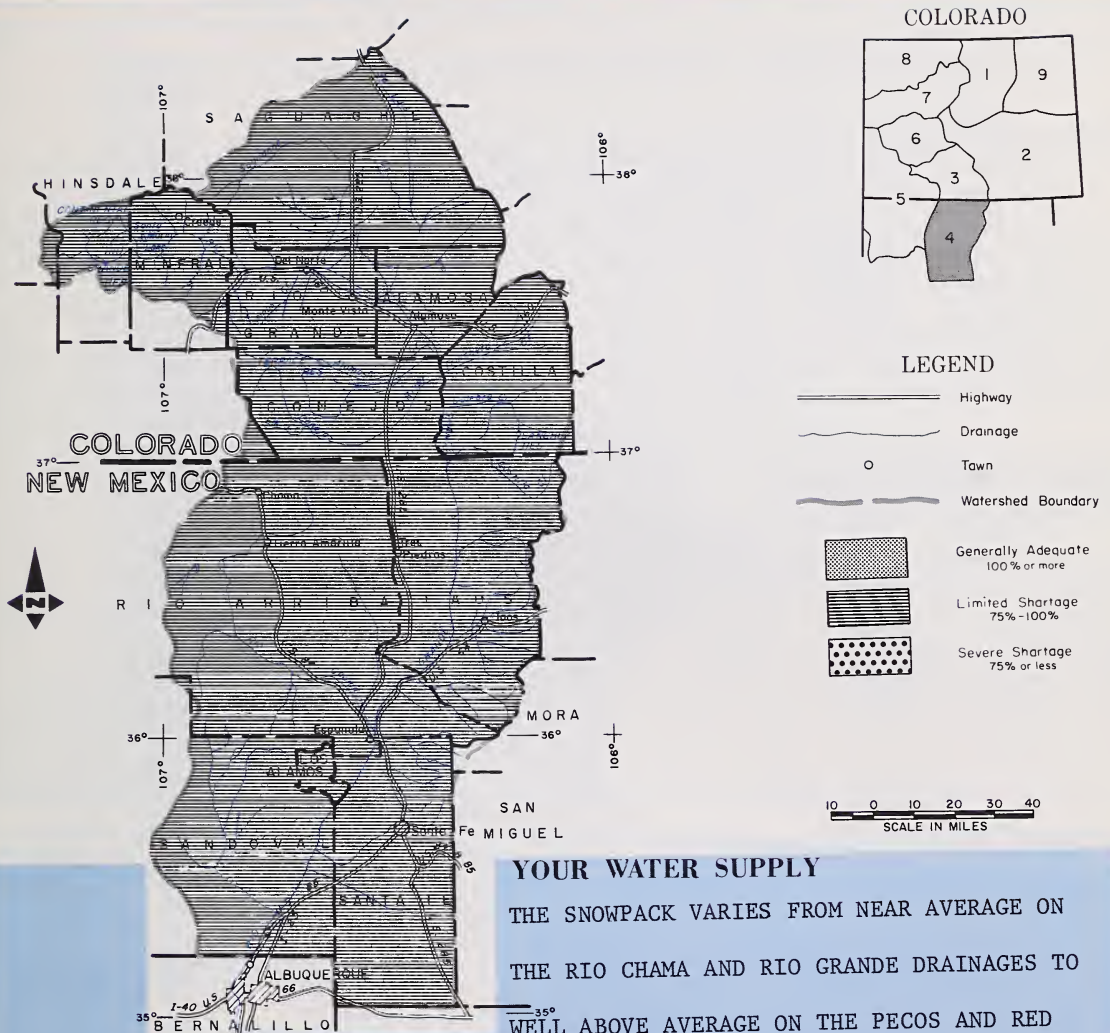


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RIVER DRAINAGES. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS AT VALLEY LOCATIONS ARE RATED FROM FAIR TO POOR FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. CARRYOVER STORAGE IS EXCELLENT IN MOST LARGE RESERVOIRS.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) March—July

| FORECAST POINT | FORE-CAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus change in Costilla Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in El Vado and Abiquiu Reservoir.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Embudo Creek | Avg. | Avg. |
| Mora River | Exc. | Avg. |
| Nambe Creek | Avg. | Avg. |
| Rio Ojo Caliente | Avg. | Avg. |
| Rio Pueblo de Taos | Exc. | Avg. |
| Santa Fe Creek | Exc. | Avg. |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year | Average * |
| Alamogordo | 111 | 35 | 40 | 80 |
| Avalon | 5 | 3 | 5 | -- |
| Caballo | 344 | 69 | 40 | 50 |
| Conchas | 273 | 82 | 129 | 185 |
| El Vado | 195 | 122 | 87 | 2 |
| Elephant Butte | 2195 | 684 | 427 | 442 |
| McMillan | 34 | 5 | 32 | -- |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Pecos | 1 | 81 | 120 |
| Red River | 2 | 222 | 148 |
| Rio Chama | 4 | 102 | 96 |
| Rio Grande, NM | 9 | 85 | 94 |
| Rio Hondo | -- | -- | -- |

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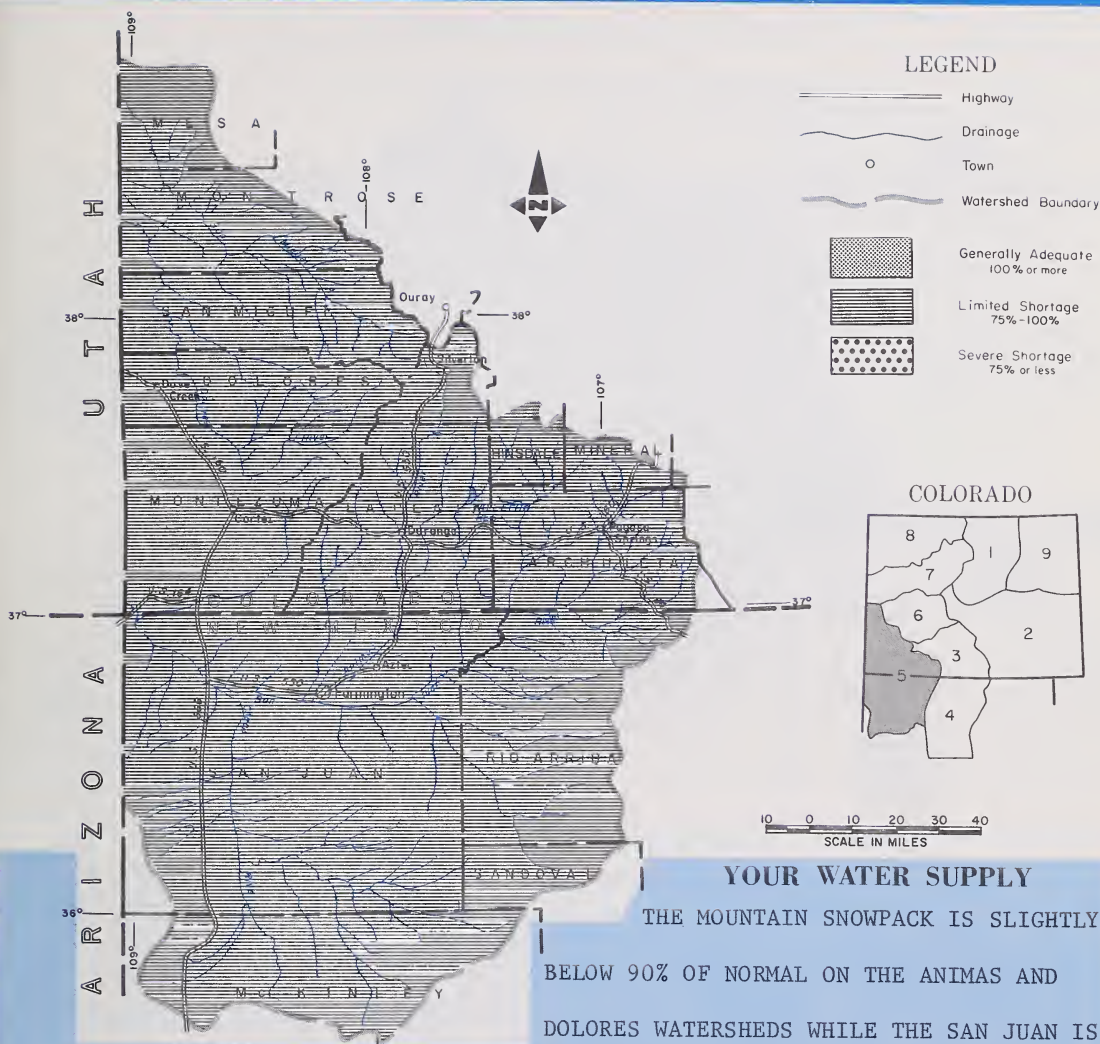


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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April—September

| FORECAST POINT | FORE-CAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Vallecito Reservoir. (2) April - July

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Florida River | Avg. | Fair |
| Hermosa Creek | Avg. | Fair |
| West Dolores River | Avg. | Fair |
| Williams Creek | Avg. | Fair |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.)

END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year | Average * |
| Groundhog | 22 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Jackson Gulch | 10 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Lemon | 40 | 20 | 6 | 19 |
| Navajo | 1696 | 1130 | 918 | 1237 |
| Vallecito | 126 | 53 | 27 | 53 |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Animas | 6 | 71 | 88 |
| Dolores | 5 | 78 | 87 |
| San Juan | 5 | 64 | 69 |

* 1958-1972 period.

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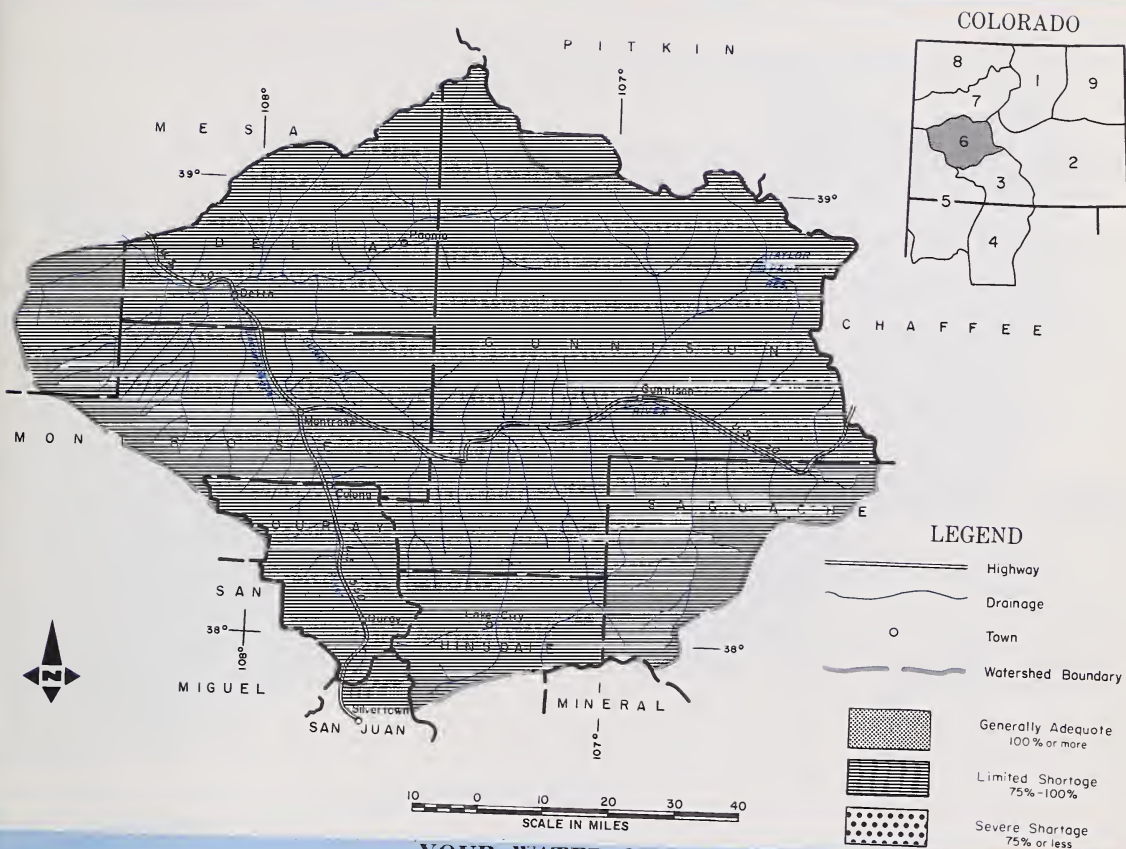
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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

THE MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK VARIES FROM NEAR AVERAGE ON THE UNCOMPAHGRE DRAINAGE TO BELOW AVERAGE ON THE GUNNISON AND SURFACE CREEK DRAINAGES. LOWER ELEVATIONS ARE NEARER TO AVERAGE THAN ARE HIGHER ELEVATIONS WHICH ARE GENERALLY BELOW AVERAGE. SOIL MOISTURE IN IRRIGATED AREAS IS REPORTED AS GOOD TO FAIR. STORAGE IN BLUE MESA AND TAYLOR RESERVOIRS IS SLIGHTLY BELOW AVERAGE WHILE MORROW POINT IS ABOVE NORMAL.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April—September

| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Taylor Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Taylor Reservoirs.
 (3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Paonia Reservoir.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Ohio Creek | Fair | Fair |
| Slate River | Fair | Fair |
| Taylor River | Fair | Fair |
| Tomichi Creek | Fair | Fair |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.)

END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | This Year | Average * |
| Blue Mesa | 830 | 435 | 473 | 491 |
| Morrow Point | 121 | 115 | 116 | 100 |
| Taylor | 106 | 51 | 63 | 63 |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Gunnison | 10 | 76 | 81 |
| Surface Creek | 3 | 77 | 72 |
| Uncompahgre | 3 | 72 | 97 |

* 1958-1972 period.

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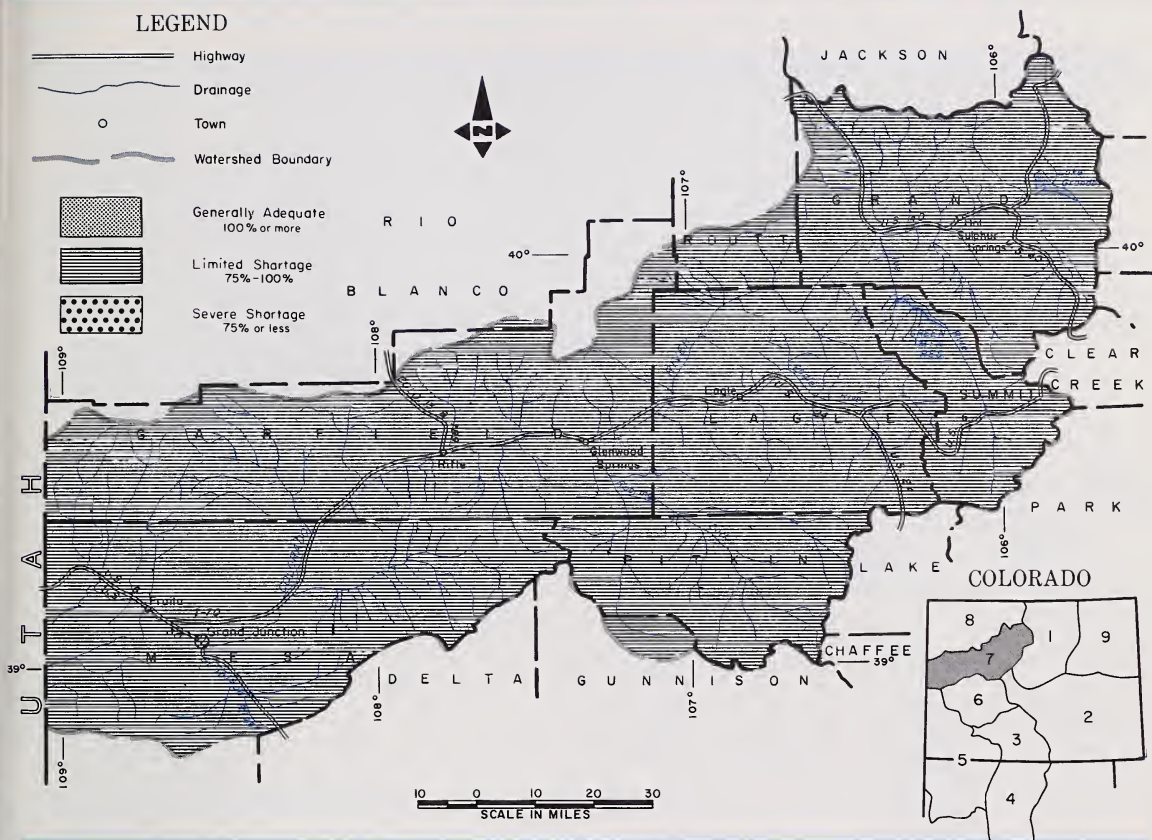
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

as of
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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

MOST TRIBUTARY STREAMS OF THE COLORADO HAVE A NEAR NORMAL SNOWPACK. THE BLUE RIVER HAS THE HIGHEST WITH 102% AND THE PLATEAU IS LOW WITH ONLY 74%. THE GRANDE MESA IS SLIGHTLY DEFICIENT. ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE SNOW SEASON HAS PASSED, SO ADEQUATE TIME REMAINS TO INCREASE THE PACK. CARRYOVER STORAGE IS UP SLIGHTLY. THE WARM DRY CLIMATE THIS YEAR HAS DRIED IRRIGATED LANDS. SOME ADDITIONAL WATER WILL BE REQUIRED TO WET THESE LANDS.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April—September

| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus diversions through Roberts Tunnel and change in storage in Dillon Reservoir. (2) Observed flow corrected for change in storage in Lake Granby as furnished by U.S.B.R. and diversions by Adams Tunnel and Grand River Ditch. (3) Observed flow plus the changes as indicated in (1), (2) and (5) plus Moffat Ditch and change in Homestake, Williams Fork, Green Mt. and Willow Creek Reservoirs. (4) Observed flow plus diversions through Divide and Twin Lakes Tunnels plus change in storage in Ruedi Reservoir. (5) Observed flow plus diversions through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (6) Observed flow plus the changes as indicated in (3) and (4).

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Brush | Avg. | Fair |
| Eagle River | Avg. | Fair |
| Gypsum Creek | Avg. | Fair |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.)

END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year | Average* |
| Dillon | 254 | 229 | 213 | 234 |
| Granby | 466 | 319 | 330 | 255 |
| Green Mountain | 139 | 85 | 77 | 77 |
| Homestake | 43 | 0 | 33 | 20 |
| Ruedi | 101 | 68 | 66 | 70 |
| Vega | 32 | 12 | 6 | 10 |
| Williams Fork | 97 | 52 | 43 | 34 |
| Willow Creek | 9 | 7 | 6 | 6 |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Blue River | 7 | 91 | 102 |
| Colorado | 17 | 86 | 94 |
| Plateau | 3 | 80 | 73 |
| Roaring Fork | 7 | 82 | 87 |
| Williams Fork | 3 | 86 | 92 |
| Willow | 2 | 103 | 94 |

* 1958-1972 period.

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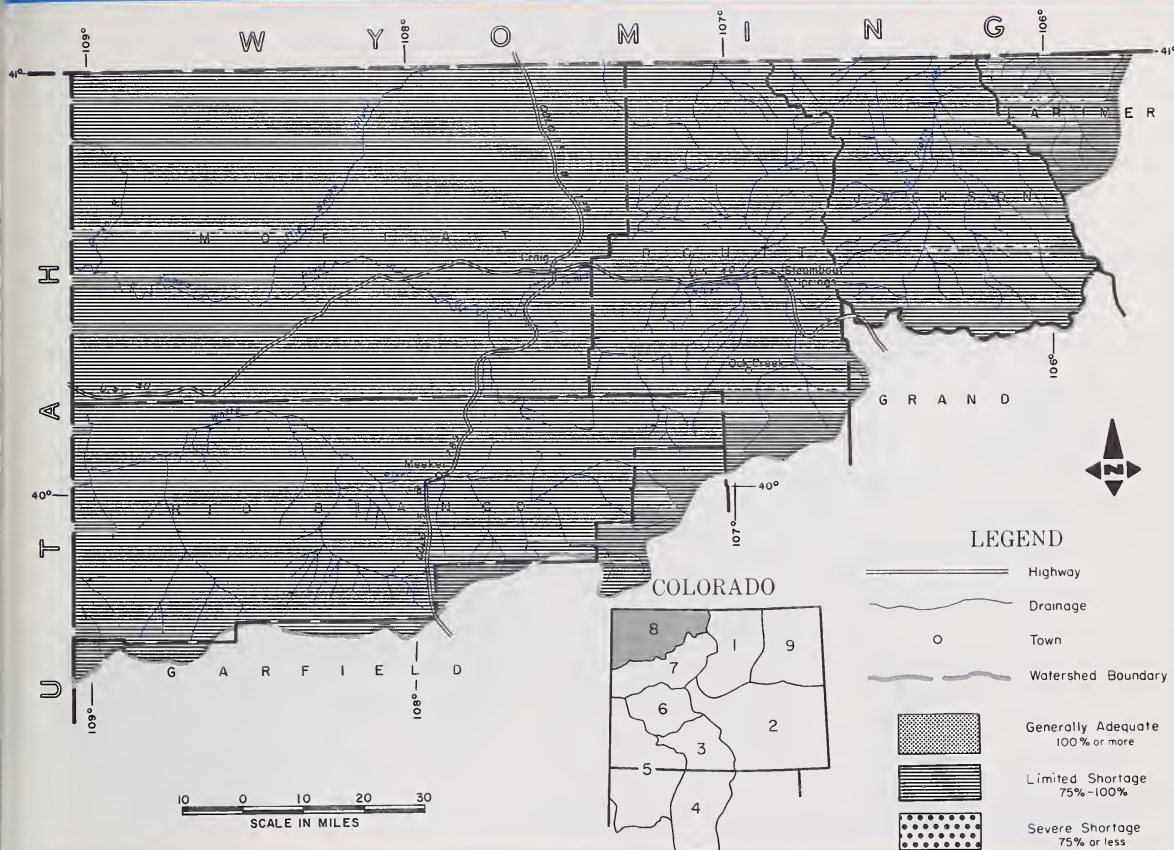
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE YAMPA, WHITE, AND NORTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO

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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SNOW CONDITONS IN NORTHERN AND NORTHWEST COLORADO ARE BELOW NORMAL EXCEPT ON THE ELK RIVER DRAINAGE. SNOW COURSES ON THE ELK INDICATE 111% MORE SNOW THAN NORMAL. THE LARAMIE AND RIVER DRAINAGES HAVE ONLY ABOUT 75% OF NORMAL SNOW. THE SNOW SEASON IS ONLY ABOUT HALF OVER SO ADEQUATE TIME REMAINS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS IN THE VALLEYS ARE LISTED AS FAIR.

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| FORECAST POINT | FORE-CAST | % of Average | Average * |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976. | | | |

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| Canadian River | Avg. | Fair |
| Hunt Creek | Avg. | Fair |
| Illinois River | Avg. | Fair |
| Michigan River | Avg. | Fair |
| Oak Creek | Fair | Fair |
| Trout Creek | Fair | Fair |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Year | Average * |
| Elk | 1 | 111 | 111 |
| Laramie | 1 | 96 | 79 |
| North Platte | 5 | 83 | 90 |
| White | 2 | 67 | 74 |
| Yampa | 5 | 68 | 86 |

* 1958-1972 period.

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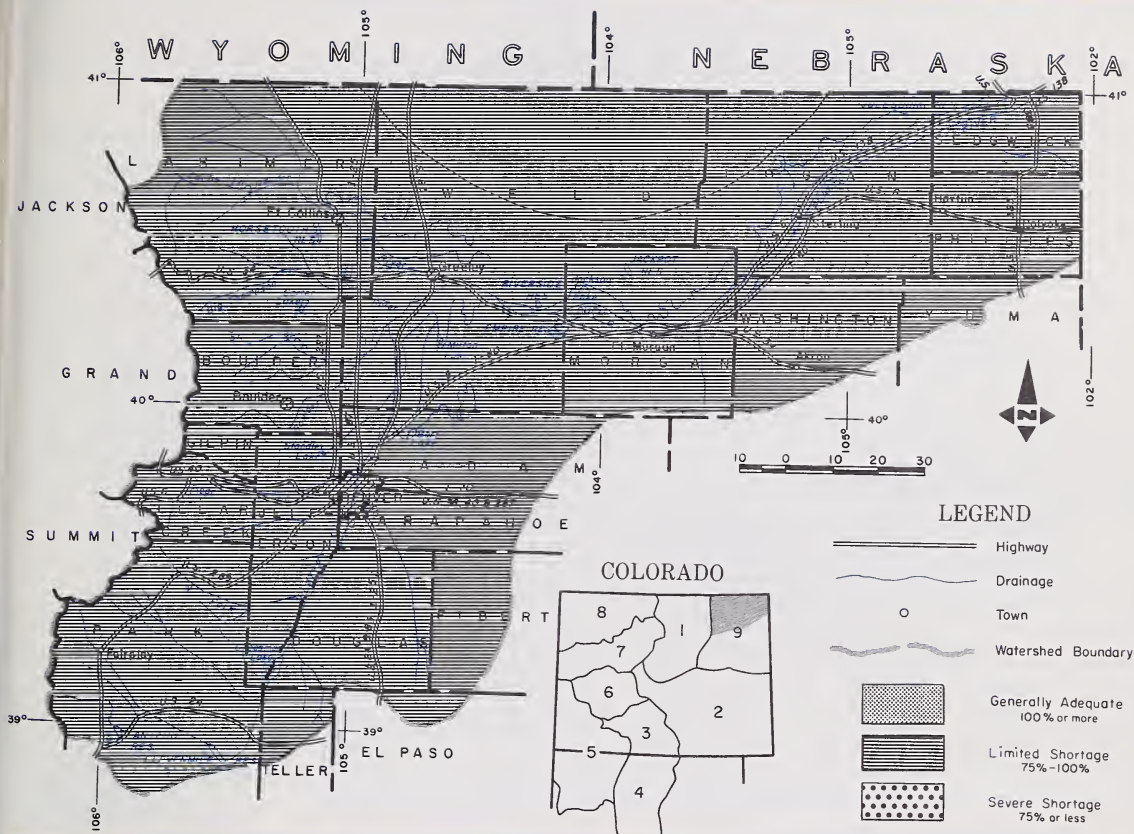


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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE LOWER SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO

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YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SNOWFALL IN THE SOUTH PLATTE BASIN IS BELOW NORMAL EXCEPT ON THE MAINSTEM ABOVE DENVER. SNOWFALL IS NOT SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT AND COULD BE BACK TO NORMAL WITH SEVERAL GOOD SNOWSTORMS. CARRYOVER STORAGE IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL AND WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLY. SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS BELOW BRUSH ARE LISTED AS FAIR.

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| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST | % of Average | Average* |
|---|----------|--------------|----------|
| No numerical forecasts issued until March 1, 1976 | | | |

(1) Observed flow plus by-pass to power plants. (2) Observed flow minus trans-basin diversions plus municipal and irrigation diversions. (3) Observed flow minus diversion through August P. Gumlick Tunnel. (4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Price Reservoir.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

| STREAM or AREA | Flow Period | |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| | Spring Season | Late Season |
| South Platte from Greeley to Fort Morgan | Fair | Fair |
| South Platte from Fort Morgan to Sterling | Fair | Fair |
| South Platte below Sterling | Fair | Fair |

SUMMARY of SNOW MEASUREMENTS

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

| RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED | Number of Courses Averaged | THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| | | Last Year | Average* |
| Big Thompson | 5 | 92 | 88 |
| Boulder | 3 | 75 | 74 |
| Cache La Poudre | 6 | 97 | 96 |
| Clear Creek | 6 | 76 | 84 |
| Saint Vrain | 2 | 78 | 84 |
| South Platte | 2 | 89 | 108 |

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.)

END OF MONTH

| RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year | Average* |
| Carter | 109 | 92 | 85 | 77 |
| Cheesman | 79 | 49 | 41 | 56 |
| Eleven Mile | 98 | 98 | 96 | 87 |
| Empire | 38 | 21 | 7 | 26 |
| Horsetooth | 144 | 92 | 81 | 86 |
| Jackson | 35 | 20 | 26 | 28 |
| Julesburg | 28 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Point of Rocks | 70 | 58 | 57 | 53 |
| Prewitt | 33 | 25 | 28 | 16 |
| Riverside | 58 | 41 | 55 | 45 |

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APPENDIX I

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS as of February 1, 1976

| SNOW COURSE | CURRENT INFORMATION | | | PAST RECORD | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | DATE OF SURVEY | SNOW DEPTH (INCHES) | WATER CONTENT (INCHES) | WATER CONTENT (INCHES) | |
| | | | | LAST YEAR | AVG 58-72 |
| NORTH PLATTE BASIN | | | | | |
| <u>Laramie River</u> | | | | | |
| Deadman Hill | 1/30 | 34 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 10.4 |
| McIntyre | NS | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Roach | 1/28 | 44 | 12.5 | 9.9 | --- |
| <u>North Platte River</u> | | | | | |
| Cameron Pass | 1/26 | 52 | 16.0 | 17.8 | 16.5 |
| Columbine Lodge | 1/28 | 47 | 12.4 | 18.5 | 14.3 |
| Northgate | 1/26 | 16 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Park View | 1/27 | 24 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| Willow Cr. Pass (B) | 1/27 | 28 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.7 |
| SOUTH PLATTE BASIN | | | | | |
| <u>Boulder Creek</u> | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 1/28 | 15 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Boulder Falls | 1/29 | 25 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 7.1 |
| University Camp | 1/29 | 32 | 7.9 | 10.1 | 10.9 |
| <u>Big Thompson River</u> | | | | | |
| Deer Ridge | 1/28 | 14 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| Hidden Valley | 1/28 | 23 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| Lake Irene (B) | 1/26 | 44 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 13.8 |
| Long's Peak | 1/30 | 19 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| Two Mile | 1/28 | 30 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| <u>Cache La Poudre</u> | | | | | |
| Bennett Creek | 1/29 | 19 | 4.0 | 3.2 | --- |
| Big South | 1/28 | 4 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.4 |
| Cameron Pass | 1/26 | 52 | 16.0 | 17.8 | 16.5 |
| Chambers Lake | 1/28 | 23 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 5.6 |
| Deadman Hill | 1/30 | 34 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 10.4 |
| Hourglass Lake | 1/29 | 18 | 4.2 | 3.6 | --- |
| Joe Wright | 1/26 | 48 | 12.6 | 15.5 | --- |
| Lost Lake | 1/28 | 30 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.7 |
| Red Feather | 1/30 | 19 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 4.0 |
| <u>Clear Creek</u> | | | | | |
| Baltimore (B) | 1/28 | 15 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Berthoud Falls | 1/28 | 28 | 6.2 | 9.9 | 8.3 |
| Empire | 1/28 | 17 | 3.2 | 5.8 | 4.5 |
| Grizzly Peak (B) | 1/29 | 38 | 10.4 | 12.2 | 10.6 |
| Loveland Lift | 1/29 | 39 | 10.6 | 11.3 | 12.2 |
| Loveland Pass | 1/29 | 31 | 8.2 | 10.7 | 9.0 |
| <u>St. Vrain River</u> | | | | | |
| Copeland Lake | 1/29 | 9 | 2.4 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| Ward | 1/29 | 14 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| Wild Basin | NS | --- | --- | --- | 7.2 |
| <u>South Platte River</u> | | | | | |
| Como | 1/29 | 19 | 5.0 | 4.9 | --- |
| Geneva Park | 1/27 | 16 | 4.1 | 2.8 | --- |
| Horseshoe Mt. | 1/28 | 27 | 6.6 | 8.9 | --- |
| Hoosier Pass | 1/30 | 29 | 8.2 | 9.6 | 8.0 |
| Jefferson Creek | 1/29 | 26 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 5.9 |
| Mosquito | 1/30 | 27 | 6.9 | 7.8 | --- |
| Trout Creek Pass | 1/28 | 14 | 3.2 | 4.3 | --- |
| ARKANSAS BASIN | | | | | |
| <u>Arkansas River</u> | | | | | |
| Bigelow Divide | 1/29 | 22 | 4.9 | 5.6 | --- |
| Cooper Hill (B) | 1/30 | 32 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 6.9 |
| East Fork | 1/28 | 27 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.0 |
| Four Mile Park | 1/31 | 19 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Fremont Pass | 1/28 | 41 | 11.0 | 10.6 | 9.8 |
| Garfield | 1/29 | 24 | 8.2 | 11.0 | 8.5 |
| Hermit Lake | 1/28 | 16 | 4.5 | 7.3 | --- |
| Monarch Pass | 1/29 | 29 | 7.8 | 13.7 | 10.3 |
| Tennessee Pass | 1/31 | 28 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 6.5 |
| Twin Lakes Tunnel | 1/22 | 26 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 6.0 |
| Westcliffe | 1/28 | 18 | 4.5 | 6.5 | --- |

NOTE: NS - No Survey
(B) - On Adjacent Drainage

| SNOW COURSE | CURRENT INFORMATION | | | PAST RECORD | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | DATE OF SURVEY | SNOW DEPTH (INCHES) | WATER CONTENT (INCHES) | WATER CONTENT (INCHES) | |
| | | | | LAST YEAR | AVG 58-72 |
| <u>Cucharas River</u> | | | | | |
| Apishapa | 1/29 | 16 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.5 |
| Cucharas Creek | 1/29 | 23 | 6.3 | 5.8 | --- |
| La Veta Pass (B) | 1/29 | 18 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 5.6 |
| <u>Purgatoire River</u> | | | | | |
| Bourbon | 1/29 | 21 | 4.6 | 5.2 | --- |
| RIO GRANDE BASIN-COLO | | | | | |
| <u>Alamosa River</u> | | | | | |
| Silver Lakes | 1/28 | 20 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Summitville | 1/26 | 37 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 11.9 |
| <u>Conejos River</u> | | | | | |
| Cumbres | 1/30 | 28 | 7.9 | 10.6 | 13.1 |
| La Manga | 1/30 | 33 | 9.2 | 8.9 | --- |
| Platoro | 1/30 | 30 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 12.5 |
| River Springs | NS | --- | --- | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| <u>Culebra River</u> | | | | | |
| Brown Cabin | NS | --- | --- | 4.6 | --- |
| Cottonwood (B) | NS | --- | --- | 6.4 | --- |
| Culebra | 1/30 | 23 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| La Veta Pass (B) | 1/29 | 18 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 5.6 |
| Trinchera (B) | NS | --- | --- | 5.8 | --- |
| <u>Rio Grande</u> | | | | | |
| Cochetopa Pass | 1/27 | 19 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| Grayback | 1/26 | 34 | 8.6 | 7.4 | --- |
| Hiway | 1/30 | 33 | 9.8 | 16.5 | 15.6 |
| Lake Humphrey | 1/27 | 23 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| Love Lake | 1/27 | 23 | 5.2 | 7.3 | --- |
| Pass Creek | 1/30 | 27 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| Pool Table | 1/27 | 19 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 5.2 |
| Porcupine | 1/30 | 23 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 8.1 |
| Santa Maria | 1/31 | 12 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 3.3 |
| Upper Rio Grande | 1/29 | 21 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| Wolf Creek Pass | 1/30 | 37 | 11.2 | 19.2 | 17.4 |
| Wolf Cr. Summit (B) | 1/30 | 39 | 11.6 | 19.2 | 18.5 |
| RIO GRANDE BASIN-NM | | | | | |
| <u>Pecos River</u> | | | | | |
| Panchuela | 1/26 | 14 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 2.5 |
| <u>Rio Chama</u> | | | | | |
| Bateman | 1/27 | 25 | 5.7 | 6.1 | --- |
| Capulin | 1/28 | 13 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Capulin Peak | 1/28 | 14 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.5 |
| Chama Divide | 1/29 | 15 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.9 |
| Chamita | 1/29 | 24 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| <u>Rio Grande</u> | | | | | |
| Alamitos | 1/26 | 17 | 3.3 | 5.1 | --- |
| Big Tesuque | 1/28 | 14 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| Cordova | NS | --- | --- | 6.2 | --- |
| Elk Cabin | 1/29 | 10 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 2.7 |
| Hopewell | 1/28 | 34 | 10.0 | 7.8 | --- |
| La Cueva | 1/27 | 11 | 2.7 | 3.1 | --- |
| Pajarito | 1/27 | 2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Pajarito Peak | 1/27 | 3 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 1.1 |
| Palo | 1/27 | 26 | 6.9 | 5.0 | --- |
| Payrole | 1/30 | 20 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 6.1 |
| Quemazon | 1/29 | 16 | 2.9 | --- | 6.1 |
| Rio En Medio | 1/28 | 23 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| Sandoval | 1/29 | 6 | 1.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| Senorita Divide | 1/27 | 18 | 3.9 | 4.1 | --- |
| Taos Canyon | 1/27 | 22 | 6.8 | 3.8 | 2.7 |
| Tres Ritos | 1/26 | 20 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| <u>Rio Hondo</u> | | | | | |
| Taos Powderhorn | 1/28 | 46 | 15.0 | 13.6 | --- |
| <u>Red River</u> | | | | | |
| Hematite Park (B) | 1/26 | 18 | 4.6 | 2.1 | 2.9 |
| Red River | 1/26 | 17 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| Red River #2 | 1/27 | 22 | 6.3 | 4.1 | --- |

APPENDIX I

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS as of February 1, 1976

| SNOW COURSE | CURRENT INFORMATION | | | PAST RECORD | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| | DATE OF SURVEY | SNOW DEPTH (INCHES) | WATER CONTENT (INCHES) | WATER CONTENT (INCHES) | |
| | | | | LAST YEAR | AVG. 58-72 |
| SAN JUAN-DOLORES BASIN | | | | | |
| <u>Animas River</u> | | | | | |
| Cascade | 1/29 | 26 | 7.4 | 9.6 | 8.0 |
| Lemon | 1/30 | 22 | 5.4 | 7.4 | --- |
| Mineral Creek | 1/29 | 29 | 8.0 | 13.0 | 9.9 |
| Molas Lake | 1/29 | 24 | 7.0 | 10.1 | 8.7 |
| Purgatory | 1/29 | 34 | 10.3 | 15.2 | --- |
| Red Mt. Pass (B) | 1/29 | 56 | 16.7 | 23.0 | 19.0 |
| Silverton Sub-Sta. | 1/29 | 21 | 6.2 | 8.1 | 5.6 |
| Spud Mountain | 1/29 | 30 | 13.0 | 18.3 | 15.2 |
| <u>Dolores River</u> | | | | | |
| Lizard Head | 1/29 | 30 | 7.0 | 11.4 | 10.4 |
| Lone Cone | 1/29 | 42 | 12.2 | 10.6 | 11.8 |
| Ophir Loop | 1/28 | 30 | 7.0 | --- | --- |
| Rico | 1/29 | 18 | 3.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| Telluride | 1/28 | 25 | 5.2 | 7.0 | 4.7 |
| Trout Lake | 1/28 | 31 | 7.3 | 11.2 | 8.1 |
| <u>San Juan River</u> | | | | | |
| Chama Divide (B) | 1/29 | 14 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.9 |
| Chamita (B) | 1/29 | 24 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| Upper San Juan | 1/30 | 41 | 12.8 | 21.6 | 19.1 |
| Wolf Cr. Pass (B) | 1/30 | 37 | 11.2 | 19.2 | 17.4 |
| Wolf Cr. Summit | 1/30 | 39 | 11.6 | 19.2 | 18.5 |
| GUNNISON BASIN | | | | | |
| <u>Gunnison River</u> | | | | | |
| Alexander Lake | 1/30 | 33 | 9.6 | 11.3 | 12.7 |
| Blue Mesa | NS | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Butte | 1/29 | 30 | 7.8 | 9.7 | --- |
| Cochetopa Pass (B) | 1/27 | 19 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| Crested Butte | 1/29 | 35 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 7.4 |
| Keystone | 1/29 | 38 | 9.8 | 13.7 | 13.1 |
| Lake City | 1/28 | 20 | 4.1 | 5.3 | --- |
| Mesa Lakes (B) | 1/29 | 31 | 6.6 | 11.3 | 10.5 |
| McClure Pass | 1/28 | 32 | 8.5 | 10.8 | 11.1 |
| Park Cone | 1/27 | 28 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| Park Reservoir | 1/28 | 45 | 11.1 | 12.8 | 14.6 |
| Porphyry Creek | 1/29 | 33 | 8.5 | 13.0 | 10.0 |
| Tomichi | 1/29 | 26 | 6.4 | 10.7 | 8.1 |
| <u>Surface Creek</u> | | | | | |
| Alexander Lake | 1/30 | 33 | 9.6 | 11.3 | 12.7 |
| Mesa Lakes | 1/29 | 31 | 6.6 | 11.3 | 10.5 |
| Park Reservoir | 1/28 | 45 | 11.1 | 12.8 | 14.6 |
| <u>Uncompahgre River</u> | | | | | |
| Ironton Park | 1/30 | 34 | 8.8 | 12.4 | 8.0 |
| Red Mountain Pass | 1/29 | 56 | 16.7 | 23.0 | 19.0 |
| Telluride (B) | 1/28 | 25 | 5.2 | 7.0 | 4.7 |
| COLORADO BASIN | | | | | |
| <u>Blue River</u> | | | | | |
| Blue River | 1/30 | 24 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.2 |
| Fremont Pass | 1/28 | 41 | 11.0 | 10.6 | 9.8 |
| Frisco Pass | 1/29 | 20 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 |
| Grizzly Peak | 1/29 | 38 | 10.4 | 12.2 | 10.6 |
| Hoosier Pass (B) | 1/30 | 29 | 8.2 | 9.6 | 8.0 |
| Shrine Pass | 1/28 | 38 | 9.1 | 11.9 | 10.3 |
| Snake River | 1/29 | 23 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 5.2 |
| Summit Ranch | 1/28 | 18 | 3.9 | 3.9 | --- |

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| | | | | LAST YEAR | AVG. 58-72 |
| <u>Colorado River</u> | | | | | |
| Arrow | 1/28 | 31 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 7.5 |
| Berthoud Pass | 1/28 | 33 | 7.4 | 10.6 | 9.4 |
| Berthoud Summit | 1/28 | 38 | 9.6 | 13.3 | 11.4 |
| Cooper Hill | 1/30 | 32 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 6.9 |
| Fiddler Gulch | NS | --- | --- | --- | 9.0 |
| Glenmar Ranch | 1/27 | 24 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Gore Pass | 1/28 | 27 | 6.2 | 8.6 | 6.2 |
| Grand Lake | 1/26 | 27 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| Lake Irene | 1/26 | 44 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 13.8 |
| Lapland | 1/27 | 25 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 6.6 |
| Lulu | NS | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lynx Pass | 1/28 | 30 | 6.8 | 9.0 | 7.6 |
| McKenzie Gulch | 1/29 | 20 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Middle Fork | 1/27 | 24 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| Milner | 1/26 | 30 | 7.3 | 8.7 | --- |
| North Inlet | 1/25 | 22 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 5.1 |
| Pando | 1/28 | 26 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| Phantom Valley | 1/26 | 25 | 5.5 | 7.5 | 6.5 |
| Ranch Creek | 1/28 | 24 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| Tennessee Pass (B) | 1/31 | 28 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 6.5 |
| Vail Pass | Destroyed | --- | --- | 10.5 | 10.4 |
| Vasquez | 1/28 | 32 | 9.0 | 7.7 | 7.7 |
| <u>Roaring Fork</u> | | | | | |
| Aspen | 1/28 | 40 | 10.3 | 10.9 | 10.0 |
| Independence Pass | 1/22 | 32 | 7.9 | 11.1 | 9.7 |
| Ivanhoe | 1/27 | 40 | 9.6 | 11.4 | 10.2 |
| Kiln | 1/27 | 31 | 6.8 | 8.0 | --- |
| Lift | 1/28 | 34 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.1 |
| McClure Pass | 1/28 | 32 | 8.5 | 10.8 | 11.1 |
| Nast | 1/27 | 20 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| North Lost Trail | 1/28 | 29 | 6.7 | 10.6 | 10.0 |
| <u>Williams Fork River</u> | | | | | |
| Glenmar Ranch | 1/27 | 24 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Jones Pass | 1/30 | 34 | 7.4 | 9.2 | 8.7 |
| Middle Fork | 1/27 | 24 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| <u>Willow Creek</u> | | | | | |
| Granby | 1/27 | 23 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 4.7 |
| Willow Cr. Pass | 1/27 | 28 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.7 |
| <u>Plateau Creek</u> | | | | | |
| Mesa Lakes | 1/29 | 31 | 6.6 | 11.3 | 10.5 |
| Park Reservoir | 1/28 | 45 | 11.1 | 12.8 | 14.6 |
| Trickle Divide | 1/28 | 48 | 12.3 | 13.2 | 16.0 |
| YAMPA BASIN | | | | | |
| <u>Elk River</u> | | | | | |
| Elk River #2 | 1/27 | 47 | 12.6 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| Hahn's Peak | 1/27 | 40 | 10.0 | 10.1 | --- |
| <u>White River</u> | | | | | |
| Burro Mountain | 1/29 | 37 | 7.0 | 13.2 | 11.5 |
| Rio Blanco | 1/28 | 33 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 9.0 |
| <u>Yampa River</u> | | | | | |
| Bear River | NS | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Columbine (B) | 1/28 | 47 | 12.4 | 18.5 | 14.3 |
| Crosho | NS | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dry Lake | 1/29 | 41 | 10.4 | 14.8 | 12.0 |
| Lynx Pass (B) | 1/28 | 30 | 6.8 | 9.0 | 7.6 |
| Rabbit Ears | 1/28 | 52 | 13.0 | 20.2 | 16.1 |
| Tower | 1/29 | 81 | 24.4 | 33.4 | --- |
| Yampa View | 1/28 | 36 | 8.9 | 13.4 | 9.8 |

NOTE: NS - No Survey
(B) - On Adjacent Drainage

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